

The Statistical Department collects information concerning Building operations from two sources - (1) Local Government Bodies and (2) Builders.

Since 1911, particulars of permits granted have been collected from Corporations and District Councils, and authorizations from Government Departments, for the erection of houses and other buildings, alterations and additions. Permits include Housing Trust operations.

From 1945, returns have been obtained from building contractors and from home builders showing the number of buildings completed each quarter and the number still under construction. Information relating to buildings completed can be segregated into local government districts.

This information is summarised in Tables A and B of this bulletin, a brief description of which follows:

Table A.

This table shows local government permits and authorizations for dwellings according to districts for the years 1954, 1955 and 1956, and for the same year's completions summarised from builders' returns. Attention is directed to the explanatory notes on the return.

It is not always possible to reconcile permits with commencements and/or completions because:

- (a) permits are often obtained a considerable time before commencement.
- (b) permits are not required in some country districts and only for portions of some others, and
- (c) occasionally, buildings are not commenced even though permits have been obtained.

Completions are shown also in Table A under local government districts in metropolitan and country areas. These relate to dwelling units only and completions of building operations are shown in greater detail in Table B.

Table B.

This table shows details of the different types of buildings commenced, completed and in course of construction for the whole state. Buildings completed are shown for years ended December since 1951 and for December quarters for the years 1954, 1955 and 1956. For the same years, page 2 gives details of commencements during the December quarter, total commencements for the year and buildings under construction at the end of the year.

The number of tradesmen working on jobs in December is divided under the main occupations and totals are shown for previous years.

Permits.

Further information not contained in Table A relating to permits follows:

Permits in the metropolitan area during the year 1956 (1955 in parenthesis) were granted for 4,965 (6,224) dwellings, including 278 (57) homes in 38 (15) flats and 344 (860) homes in 142 (416) maisonettes etc. Other New Buildings totalled 591 (708) and Alterations and Additions 11,273 (11,170). Permits were also granted for 34 (26) old houses to be converted into 77 (65) flats, resulting in an increase of 43(39) homes - these are not counted as new buildings but as alterations.

The total value of permits and authorizations for all new buildings and alterations in the metropolitan area was estimated at £27,123,950 (£35,599,769). The value of New Private Dwellings was £15,148,046 (£18,016,816); other New Buildings £5,530,975 (£7,068,659); Alterations etc. £4,324,059 (£3,802,631) and Government Buildings £2,120,870 (£6,711,663).

Permits and authorizations for dwellings in Country areas totalled 2,630 (2,653) and the value of all building operations £14,062,413 (£10,387,838).

The total number of permits for dwellings for the Whole State was 7,595

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(8,878) and the total value for all building operations £41,186,363 (£45,987,607).

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STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DWELLINGS:- PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS.

(Numbers refer to dwelling units, not number of buildings)

DISTRICT	PERMITS AND AUTHORIZATIONS			COMPLETIONS (a)		
	1954	1955	1956	1954	1955	1956
Metropolitan.						
Adelaide	3	16	24	2	3	6
Brighton	241	278	314	257	212	302
Burnside	325	318	306	255	278	284
Campbelltown	184	265	538	110	178	192
Enfield	764	1,124	627	1,383	910	918
Glenelg	54	62	42	49	41	48
Henley & Grange	110	301	298	82	87	243
Hindmarsh	14	16	14	10	9	6
Marion	964	1,290	851	1,349	1,075	1,208
Mitcham	470	577	554	411	406	470
Payneham	161	201	126	71	149	210
Port Adelaide	201	210	247	119	142	146
Prospect	67	68	36	63	70	55
St. Peters	11	21	10	8	10	18
Unley	94	81	79	95	161	84
West Torrens	505	487	463	467	407	391
Woodville	763	889	410	677	870	502
Other Metrop.	34	20	26	32	25	21
TOTAL - PRIVATE	4,965	6,224	4,965	5,440	5,033	5,104
GOVT.	2	1	-	b	b	b
GRAND TOTAL	4,967	6,225	4,965	5,440	5,033	5,104
Country.						
Gawler	18	38	53	35	32	34
Loxton	-	-	-	63	31	46
Mt. Barker	10	37	25	34	24	38
Mt. Gambier Corpn.	139	343	229	157	151	241
Murray Bridge Corpn.	41	56	62	23	38	51
Naracoorte	26	37	27	36	49	39
Noarlunga	95	93	103	74	50	39
Pt. Augusta	45	36	353	124	191	140
Pt. Lincoln Corpn.	97	77	93	90	91	77
Pt. Pirie "	106	62	46	152	135	108
Salisbury	237	1,117	869	409	597	910
Tatiara	28	26	23	44	68	58
Victor Harbour	21	27	16	34	20	26
Whyalla	11	8	40	14	8	7
Other Country	660	657	584	816	905	890
TOTAL- PRIVATE (c)	1,534	2,614	2,523	2,105	2,390	2,704
GOVT.	142	39	107	b	b	b
GRAND TOTAL	1,676	2,653	2,630	2,105	2,390	2,704
TOTAL STATE	6,643	8,878	7,595	7,545	7,423	7,808

(a) Includes dwellings which were part of buildings included in "Other New Buildings" in Table B, but excludes "Hotels, Guest Houses, etc."

(b) Included in District Totals. Government authorizations cannot be allocated to Districts.

(c) Permits are not required in some country districts, and only for portions of some others.

			BUILDINGS COMPLETED								
			QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER			YEAR ENDED DECEMBER					
			1954	1955	1956	1951	1952	1953c	1954	1955	1956
HOUSES - Brick, stone, etc.	a. No.		1,184	1,232	1,159	3,949	4,585	4,196	4,003	4,599	4,669
	b. No.		402	389	433	1,033	1,390	1,434	1,315	1,305	1,474
Fibro Cement	a. No.		113	273	309	1,349	1,197	510	461	820	1,154
	b. No.		68	71	68	187	283	312	300	291	247
Weatherboard & Other	a. No.		217	30	26	364	1,297	1,642	1,334	231	93
	b. No.		11	5	14	56	58	48	46	40	36
FLATS - Dwelling units	a. No.		44	29	75	-	12	106	86	126	106
HOTELS, GUEST HOUSES, ETC.	a. No.		5	2	-	6	2	5	20	14	6
TOTAL DWELLINGS, ETC.	a. No.		1,563	1,566	1,569	5,668	7,093	6,459	5,904	5,790	6,028
(inc. Emergency. Nil since 1953)	b. No.		481	465	515	1,276	1,731	1,794	1,661	1,636	1,757
	a. b. No.		2,044	2,031	2,084	6,944	8,824	8,253	7,565	7,426	7,785
	a. b. £000.		5,856	6,185	6,456	12,097	19,667	21,747	21,328	21,827	24,263
FACTORIES	a. No.		24	47	38	55	70	53	107	128	175
	£000		329	880	760	225	602	752	1,950	1,898	4,189
OTHER NEW BUILDINGS	a. No.		188	137	161	265	377	533	696	580	701
	£000.		1,102	1,154	1,742	2,310	2,288	2,819	5,012	4,396	6,377
TOTAL NEW BUILDINGS	a. b. No.		2,256	2,215	2,283	7,264	9,271	8,839	8,368	8,134	8,661
	a. b. £000		7,287	8,219	8,958	14,632	22,557	25,318	28,290	28,121	34,829

ACTUALLY WORKING ON JOBS 19TH DECEMBER, 1956*

* Excluding those engaged only in minor repairs, etc., and own home builders. Contractors and Sub Contractors 2,533; Wage Earners 8,370; Total 10,903. (Total work force as at December, 1955 - 11,798; 1954 - 10,471; 1953 - 9,631; 1952 - 9,976; 1951 - 8,671.)

The following tradesmen were included above - Carpenters 3,385; Bricklayers 1,626; Painters 913; Electricians 462; Plumbers 826; Building Labourers 2,007; Other 1,684; Total 10,903.

KIND OF BUILDING		BUILDINGS COMMENCED						UNDER CONSTRUCTION 31ST DECEMBER		
		QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER			YEAR ENDED DECEMBER			1954	1955	1956
		1954	1955	1956	1954	1955	1956			
HOUSES - Brick, Stone, etc.	a. No.	985	1,210	1,135	4,144	5,021	4,423	2,931	3,352	3,113
	b. No.	453	480	361	1,450	1,656	1,582	1,598	1,941	2,047
Fibro Cement	a. No.	174	311	199	576	1,137	1,018	257	575	436
	b. No.	92	78	75	322	276	290	260	241	273
Weatherboard & Other	a. No.	34	25	29	173	130	95	135	18	19
	b. No.	10	17	14	51	45	55	33	38	56
FLATS - Dwelling Units	a. No.	5	106	44	142	166	149	95	129	170
HOTELS, GUEST HOUSES, ETC.	a. No.	2	3	2	16	12	7	10	9	10
TOTAL DWELLINGS, ETC.	a. No.	1,200	1,655	1,409	5,051	6,466	5,692	3,428	4,083	3,748
	b. No.	555	575	450	1,823	1,977	1,927	1,891	2,220	2,376
	a. b. No.	1,755	2,230	1,859	6,874	8,443	7,619	5,319	6,303	6,124
	a. b. £000	5,125	6,839	5,653	19,629	25,721	23,966	14,925	19,030	19,314
FACTORIES	a. No.	17	34	30	122	156	146	62	97	67
	£000	673	683	309	1,651	2,635	2,089	3,098	4,148	2,093
OTHER NEW BUILDINGS	a. No.	151	147	143	753	643	651	304	367	323
	£000	1,119	5,838	1,328	5,739	11,831	8,140	4,976	12,339	15,317
TOTAL NEW BUILDINGS	a. b. No.	1,923	2,411	2,032	7,749	9,242	8,416	5,685	6,767	6,514
	a. b. £000	6,917	13,360	7,290	27,019	40,187	34,195	22,999	35,517	36,724

a. By Building Contractors.

b. By Home Builders.

c. Excluding 360 Migrants' flats converted at Gepps Cross.